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Meet Betty Bunny, a loveable handful nobunny can resist.

From author Michael B. Kaplan, creator of Disney's T.V. show *Dog with a Blog*, comes the debut picture book of the *Betty Bunny* series. It's a story about patience—seen through the eyes of a precocious preschooler.

Betty Bunny is the youngest in her family of rabbits and she's just discovering the important things in life, like chocolate cake. She declares, "I am going to marry chocolate cake" and takes a piece to school with her in her pocket. Mom values healthy eating and tells Betty Bunny she needs patience when it comes to dessert. But Betty Bunny doesn't want patience, she wants chocolate cake! In this funny tribute to chocolate lovers (and picky eaters), Betty Bunny's charming perspective on patience will be recognizable to anyone with a preschooler in their life.

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The Library Lady says

Oh, spare me, sanctimonious reviewers going on about how Betty is a "brat" and how she "obviously doesn't learn her lesson". WHO CARES?

Certainly not the kids who are going to read this and hoot. It's not to teach your toddler manners (your job, BTW), it's for the kids who are going to snicker with the older siblings over the "I'm going to marry chocolate cake". It's for the younger siblings who will get just how Betty feels. And it's for the kids who are going to KNOW what's going to happen at the end to that chocolate cake in Betty's sock.

This is perfectly aimed at those kids, not at moralizing adults. So stand back and let them enjoy this one--it's tons of fun.

Julia says

This book is another book that won the Washington State Children's Choice Picture Book Award. I loved this book. It was so adorable and the family of bunny's made it easy to see why kids would love this book. It is also very relatable because the little Betty Bunny falls in love with chocolate cake and I feel that most kids can relate to that. It also teaches kids to try new things because in the beginning she says she doesn't like chocolate cake but then tries it and falls madly in love with it. It also teaches them about what it means to have patience because the mom describes it to Betty when Betty tried to eat mud because she wanted it so badly. The whole book is very humorous because she thinks "you're a handful" is a term of endearment from her parents and how she eats mud and how she says she wants to marry chocolate cake. The repetition throughout the book is great for young readers. The pictures are very humble and great descriptions of the characters and each of their personalities. The text is cute because it sounds exactly like how a child would speak and I feel like I would hear it in any conversation today. It's also very modern, easy to read, and fun!

Chrissy says

Laughed so much at the ending!

Alyson (Kid Lit Frenzy) says

This is really a 3.5 star for me. I really wanted to love this book especially since I love chocolate. And I loved the line "I am going to marry chocolate cake!" - Betty Bunny. Betty is a challenging child that her parents refer to as a "handful". After she gets her first taste of chocolate cake she doesn't want anything else. Her behavior leads her into some trouble and she has to learn about being patient and eat a healthy dinner before her chocolate cake. However, something just felt a tad bit off to me. Not sure what it was either. I'll sit on this one.

Halle Stout says

The book was very cute even though there were a few parts that made me cringe and shake my head. Overall, the book was about a bunny named Betty Bunny who never liked to try anything new, one day her mother persuaded her to try chocolate cake when she did, she fell in love with it. She vowed that she would marry chocolate cake even though her siblings told her that it's not possible. She comes up with a few schemes and situations to get chocolate cake but it doesn't work. One night her mom has a talk with her about being patience and getting her dinner before dessert. She tells her that there's a piece of cake in the fridge for her and she takes it to school, comes home and realizes that it's mush. She later places it another spot for safe keeping where its sure to get mushes.

Cyndi says

Here is Mr. H's latest favorite book. Could be because he really likes chocolate cake, too. ?(picture this as chocolate)

In this book Betty Bunny loves chocolate cake so much that she wants to marry it. But she finds out a lesson I learned...you can't carry chocolate cake in your pocket. ?????

Annalisa says

I normally don't include children's books on my Goodreads account, but this books so cute and charming, I had to add it. My daughter loves it and laughs out loud every time we read it (I laugh). This family has more personality than many full-length novels. I can see how people don't like Betty Bunny's inability to learn a lesson, but I found the book funny and delightful. Betty may not learn the inherent lesson, but any child reading along will understand. It's part of what makes my daughter laugh.

We've checked out a few other of the Betty Bunny books and while they are fun as well, this is by far the best. (On a side note: I was surprised to see Kaplan created "Dog with a Blog" when reading the description for this book. That is the most obnoxious show on Disney and has none of the charm of Betty Bunny. If I had known that in advance, I might not have every checked this out.)

Kari says

Betty Bunny is a handful. At least that is what her parents say. Those who read this book would probably agree. This story is about a young rabbit that is afraid to try chocolate cake for the first time because it is new. Before long chocolate cake becomes Betty Bunny's new obsession, so much so, that she declares she will marry the stuff. She displays brat-like tendencies by throwing fits when her mother tries to teach her patience. This book includes unique illustrations depicting the rabbit family with faces that capture all of the attitudes of a loving parent or a sarcastic sibling. The images are well placed, but they cannot make up for the poor text. The patience theme appears to be a main goal, but the ending of the story, which tries to be humorous, would have the reader thinking that the lesson was not learned at all.

Kathryn says

I expected to love this, but it was just okay for me. Some of the illustrations I adored (like the one on the cover) and some were not quite my style (the big brother's "style" for example). The message of learning patience and not being bratty when you don't get what you want is a good one (and I thought it was cute/funny how Betty didn't want to try chocolate cake at first--not like it was Brussels sprouts, I mean, who turns down chocolate cake, haha!) but I just didn't totally enjoy how it played out and while I know the author was aiming at humorous for the ending, I felt it just undermined the lesson that Betty was supposed to have learned.

Dolly says

This is an adorable story about a little bunny who discovers the magic of chocolate. I completely understand how this story came about; my father never liked chocolate, so until I was about six or so, I declared that I didn't like chocolate either. And then I tried it. (Silly Dad!)

In any case, this is a fun tale with cute illustrations and an uncomfortable mental image of squished chocolate cake in a sock and a pocket. Yuk! I haven't yet read this with our girls, but I think they'd really like it. I love that when she wants to be nice to her Mom, Betty tells her that she's a handful.

Ann Marie says

I marked this 5 because it made me laugh out loud. I was reading it to Elise and the ending was a total surprise. Delightful.

Ami says

I adore this book so much that I may have to buy it, even though my children are getting past the picture book stage. The pictures are fun, the characters are spunky, and the rhythm to this book makes it a delight to read aloud.

Audrey says

"My CAKE!" "Her mother got her a new piece of cake, and she explained that putting cake in your pocket is not really the same as being patient."

Barb Middleton says

How can you not love Betty Bunny? She's such a bundle of energy she explodes off the pages of this picture book like a whirlwind sweeping up everything in its path. Betty Bunny doesn't want to try chocolate cake because it is "yucky!" When mom makes her eat a piece she declares, "I am going to marry chocolate cake!" Her older brother, Bill, responds (like a typical older brother), "Whatever... but you're going to have really weird-looking kids." Betty Bunny loves cake so much that it is all she can think of at school. She even eats mud because it looks like chocolate cake. At dinner, Betty Bunny no longer wants healthy food but just chocolate cake. When her siblings tease her she gets so mad that she throws her dinner in their faces. Sent to her room she has a temper-tantrum before her mom talks to her about being patient. Mom says she'll leave a piece of cake in the refrigerator just for Betty Bunny after dinner. Except Betty Bunny thinks the cake will get lonely and she puts it in her pocket and brings it to school, which sets off another string of events (and laughs).

Betty Bunny is funny because she doesn't really learn how to deal with sweets. She's instantly addicted to them and just when it looks like she'll be able to control herself she does something silly. Betty Bunny is the youngest of 4 siblings and the author does a terrific job showing how siblings can tease each other. It isn't vicious and some comments are helpful while others tease. The humor is for the adult reader as well as the child. Betty Bunny's mom tells her that she is a handful. Betty Bunny goes to school and announces to the teacher that she is a handful and loves chocolate cake. Later when Betty Bunny is sent to her room for throwing her food at her siblings "she wanted to say something especially nice to her mother. 'Mommy' she said, 'you are a handful.'" The language has strong patterns and repetition that make for a great read aloud and good for young readers acquiring language.

Stephane Jorisch's illustrations catch the humor of the text. The characters have the heads of animals and bodies shaped like humans. I like how brother Bill looks like a teenager with his hat on backwards, shirt with a rabbit (that has an attitude - it is sticking out its tongue), and insecure-but-trying-to-be-cool body language such as resting his head on his hand with an amused expression on his face while Betty Bunny holds up her piece of chocolate cake gazing at it with an adoring expression. Or later in the kitchen when Bill is wearing a smiley shirt and stands with his shoulders slightly hunched. Mom holds everything together. She's young, dressed hip, and gives consequences to Betty Bunny's actions all the while making sure that Betty Bunny knows she loves her. The cartoon-like pictures in gouache watercolor show some interesting shading and add texture and depth. I read this out loud to first graders and they laughed hard at Betty Bunny's comments using the word "yucky" in different situations and Bill's continued teasing of Betty Bunny wanting to "marry" her chocolate cake.

This book is a hoot!

Karen Arendt says

Oh what an adorable story! Betty Bunny learns about patience the hard way- with a mess of chocolatey goo in her pocket. Betty Bunny at first decides she does not like chocolate cake and refuses to try it. Then she decides she loves chocolate cake and wants to marry chocolate cake. Typical sibling comments made me feel like I was reading about my own childhood. Who hasn't had to deal with a child who says they don't like something then decides they do? The most adorable moment is when Betty Bunny was especially bad and

sent to her room, her mother comes up to tell Betty Bunny that she still loves her. Betty Bunny replies, "Mommy, you know that I still love chocolate cake." The illustrations show the emotions of Betty Bunny perfectly, from her simple tantrums, to hiding a secret in her pocket.
